

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PROB, SO, ET  
SUBJ: REPORTED INVITATION TO OAU AND UN OBSERVERS

REFS: A) AFRICA FILE 14 FOR JAN 20; B) STATE 015517

1. EMBASSY ATTEMPTED JAN. 22 TO VERIFY REF A WIRELESS REPORT THAT SOMALI CHARGE IN NAKROBI, DAHIR HUSSEIN DIRIR, TOLD REPORTERS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON JAN 20 THAT SOMALIA WAS PREPARED TO HAVE OAU AND UN OBSERVERS VISIT THE FRONT LINES IN THE OGADEN TO VERIFY THAT ONLY ETHNIC SOMALIS ARE ENGAGED IN THE FIGHTING. FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS UNINFORMED AS TO WHAT THE CHARGE IN NAIROBI HAD SAID, AND INDICATED INQUIRY WOULD BE MADE.

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2. COMMENT: OPENING THE OGADEN TO IMPARTIAL OBSERVERS WOULD BE AN EXTRAORDINARY STEP FOR THE SOMALIS TO TAKE, AND WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE DAHIR EXCEEDED HIS INSTRUCTIONS. ON THE OTHER HAND, DAHIR'S REPORTED COMMENTS ARE SOMEWHAT COMPARABLE TO THE STATEMENT MADE BY AMBASSADOR ADDOU IN WASHINGTON THAT THE SOMALIS WOULD ACCEPT AN OAU OR UN FACTFINDING MISSION WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS

(REF B). THE REPORT OF ADDOU'S STATEMENT ARRIVED IN  
OUR HANDS AFTER WE HAD LAUNCHED THE DAHIR INQUIRY. SINCE  
THE MINISTRY PROMISED TO RESPOND TO THAT, WE HAVE NOT  
BROADENED OUR ORIGINAL REQUEST.  
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